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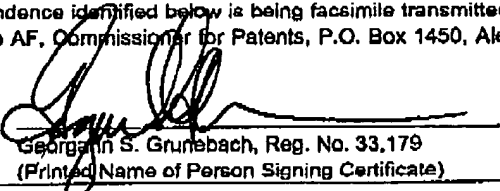
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Please find attached Re:

Serial No.: 09/726,367

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- AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL (1 page in duplicate)
- RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 15, 2005 (26 pages)

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Docket No. PD-990258  
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In re Application of: Lawrence N. Chapman, et al. : Date: February 15, 2006  
Serial No.: 09/726,367 : Group Art Unit: 2617  
Filed: November 29, 2000 : Examiner: Johnny Ma  
For: BACKWARDS COMPATIBLE REAL-TIME PROGRAM GUIDE CAPACITY INCREASE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ An additional fee for claims is required.
- ☒ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE			
TOTAL CLAIMS 38 minus	34* =	4 x	\$ 50.00	\$	200.00		
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:				\$	200.00		

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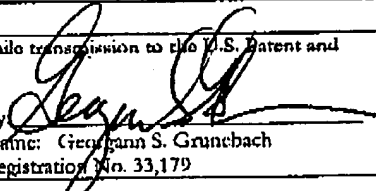
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, which was made final, please enter  
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